

campaign for the number one killer in the United States—heart disease.

The first American Heart Month was declared in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. While the death rate from heart disease has dropped considerably since the 1960s, we still have much work to do.

More than 17 million deaths a year are attributed to heart disease and stroke. But studies show that 80 percent of cardiac events and strokes are preventable.

What is truly important for Americans to know is that heart disease is within their control if they have a family history where a loved one has suffered, or even died, from heart disease.

The good news is that the risk of heart disease can be lowered through a healthy lifestyle and regular checkups.

It is my hope that all Americans will take their heart health seriously and educate themselves on how to lead a healthy life in the spirit of American Heart Month.

#### PROVIDENCE COLLEGE CENTENNIAL

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on February 14, 1917, the Diocese of Providence, the Dominican Friars of the Providence of St. Joseph, and the State of Rhode Island established Providence College.

Like our great Nation, Providence College was founded on principles of tolerance and acceptance. Its charter states that no student shall be denied admission or honors due to religious opinion. One hundred years later, Americans would do well to follow this example.

Led by Reverend Brian Shanley, the president of this outstanding academic institution, Providence College continues to enrich the lives of its students and the State of Rhode Island. It is a leader in research and academic excellence, and its scholars encourage young people to question the world around them and serve their communities.

The Ocean State is fortunate to be home to such a venerable institution. As a lifelong Rhode Islander, I am so proud to celebrate its centennial and recognize its continued success today.

Happy 100th anniversary, Providence College.

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#### NORTH KOREA IS A TERRORISM STATE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when I met with Admiral Harris of Pacific Command last year, I asked him which nation's threats concerned him the most. He quickly replied: North Korea.

Proving Admiral Harris correct, North Korea illegally launched yet another menacing ballistic missile. This was a high-tech, pre-fueled rocket that can be launched quickly. This type of rocket has a range of about 1,800 miles—thus, making it an immediate threat to South Korea and Japan as well as our troops that are stationed there.

North Korea has even bigger plans. Kim Jong-un reportedly plans to develop submarines from which to launch the missiles, which could threaten the United States. The last administration pursued an ignorant strategy called strategic patience. That policy clearly failed. North Korea's program is now stronger than ever. Kim Jong-un's threats continue to grow bolder and bolder with no repercussions.

Once upon a time, the United States had North Korea on the State Sponsors of Terrorism list. It is time to put little Kim back on that list because he is a world terrorist and a threat to world peace, and he has earned that distinction.

And that is just the way it is.

#### ACCESS TO COUNSEL ACT

(Ms. JAYAPAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I introduced my first bill, H.R. 1006, the Access to Counsel Act; and it was a great pleasure to work with my colleague in the Senate, Senator KAMALA HARRIS, who introduced that companion version. The legislation is a direct response to the President's misguided Muslim ban.

In the chaos following the release of the executive order, people across the country were detained at airports and denied opportunities to consult with hundreds of attorneys who were there ready to provide legal support. Some of these people were deported without any access to due process. Even now, we are getting reports of people who are literally relinquishing their legal permanent resident status without consulting with anybody because they don't understand what they are signing.

Detention and deportation without due process happens far too often, even though due process is a right that we hold so dear as Americans. For years, we have heard these cases of people being denied the right to counsel, and my bill, the Access to Counsel Act, ensures that anyone who is detained by CBP or held in ICE custody will get access to counsel.

This is a commonsense measure, and I know that there are many who are fearful of what will come next. I want them to know that we will continue to fight for their rights and for their access to due process.

#### CELEBRATING THE ELIZABETH TAYLOR AIDS FOUNDATION

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate The Elizabeth TAYLOR AIDS Foundation for its efforts and commitment to transform the lives for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Since its creation in 1991, this foundation has advanced Elizabeth Taylor's dream to create a future free of HIV/AIDS by supporting organizations delivering care and services for people living with this disease.

Today, the Foundation remains a leading player in the fight to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic by providing grants to global programs that seek to fund education, to raise awareness, and to create innovative treatments for patients.

As the co-chair of the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus, I have had the opportunity to work with this foundation over the years to help improve the lives of patients and advance research efforts that can lead to a cure for this terrible disease.

I celebrate The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, and I look forward to continuing to work with it to realize our common dream of an AIDS-free generation in the U.S. and, indeed, throughout the world.

#### CONGRATULATIONS UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. COURTNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, at 11 p.m. last night, the UConn women's basketball team once again stunned the sporting world and, really, the Nation by winning their 100th straight win against a very good team, the University of South Carolina.

Again, Mr. Speaker, the UConn women just continue to defy the laws of gravity. They have won 11 NCAA titles, again, shattering all records before them, and the 100th win was exceeding the last record which the UConn women set a number of years ago in terms of consecutive wins.

Coach Geno Auriemma has an extraordinary program, which has almost a perfect record of graduation. These are true student athletes. Last night, Gabby Williams, Napheesa Collier, Kia Nurse, and Crystal Dangerfield once again made us proud in the State of Connecticut to be the home of real champions.

Again, congratulations. You are in uncharted waters now at 100 wins and counting, and we look forward to more success in the future.

Go Huskies.